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Unification Proclamation of the Overseas Chinese Democracy Promotion
Association in Japan

(Translation of an article in Hua Ch'iao Min Pao)

Our fatherland, the Chinese People's Republic, is now completely liberated, and, under the new prosperity, lanterns of peace and happiness are shining from the windows of every household. Only the two islands of Hainan and Taiwan still remain in the hands of the reactionaries and their co-plotters, the foreign imperialists. However desperately they may struggle, their fate is sealed. We thirty thousand Overseas Chinese in Japan are overwhelmed with a sense of pride, hope, and expectation as we see the great undertakings unfolding before our eyes in our fatherland.

Turning our eyes to our fellow Overseas Chinese in Japan, however, we can describe their state only with the one word "miserable". The policies of the reactionary government in Japan are harsher in connection with us who are Allied nationals than even their former colonial policies. Under such oppression, the economic livelihood of our fellow Overseas Chinese has been forced into bankruptcy, and it is impossible to describe all the mental sufferings they have undergone.

In the past, Overseas Chinese organizations were scattered in the Kanto (Tokyo and Yokohama) and Kansai (Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe) areas, and, because there was no unification, they were helpless before the systematic oppression of the Japanese government and were not able to protect the livelihood or boost the morale of the Overseas Chinese.

In order to bring an end to this deplorable situation, unification talks were begun between the New Democratic Association (新民主協會) of the Kansai area and the Overseas Chinese Democracy Promotion Association of the Kanto area at the end of last year. As a result of continued efforts since then, the two organizations are dissolved today, and in their stead has emerged the Overseas Chinese Democracy Promotion Association in Japan. This should indeed be a day of celebration for all Overseas Chinese in Japan.

The hopes and expectations of the Overseas Chinese in all areas and walks of life in the unification movement have been great. We shall try to live up to these hopes and expectations. Through unification of the strengths of the various Overseas Chinese organizations scattered throughout Japan and the establishment of branches in all areas, we shall aim to (1) live up to the hopes of the fatherland in us, and (2) become a firm pillar of strength for each and every Overseas Chinese in Japan. In testimony of the above, we hereby announce this Unification Proclamation.

The Overseas Chinese Democracy Promotion Association in Japan,
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